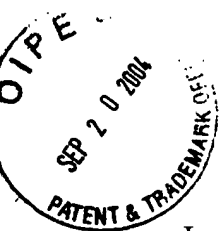


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated April 2, 2004, in the above-identified patent application be extended for three-month until October 2, 2004.

Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this 20 day of September 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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